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December 12, 1995

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Pursuant to my telephone call in appreciation of your fine work on the Immune Columbia pieces I am enclosing the present revised draft of my article on Nova Constellatio coinage read at the American Numismatic Society Coinage of the Americas Conference in October 1995. I will appreciate any suggestions you may have and any new material you may have developed which should be included. The final draft of my article should be submitted mid-January 1996 for publication. Sorry my illustrations are not yet ready.

I encourage you in due course to expand on your Immune matters which I have carefully avoided in my current writing. I do have a large file on the Immune situation from my research long ago.

I look forward to any cooperation you may give me.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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MR. J.D. MARTIN
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DEAR MR. MARTIN:

PER OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I AM HAVING YOU RE-EVALUATE THE ENCLOSED IMMUNE COLUMBIA PATTERN. I HAVE ENCLOSED THE ORIGINAL AUCTION LABEL FROM THE OECHSNER SALE OF SEPTEMBER 1988. THIS PATTERN WAS SOLD TO HERBERT OECHSNER IN 1955 BY STACKS. I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD SELL HIM A COPY.

I HAVE ENCLOSED SEVERAL OTHER ITEMS. THE PAGE FROM THE AUCTION CATALOG SHOWS A PICTURE OF THIS PATTERN WITH THE HOLE AT THE AREA OF THE CAP WHEN IT WAS PURCHASED AND THERE IS A COLOR PLATE IN THE CATALOG.

THE PATTERN WAS SENT TO PAUL STOCKTON FOR EVALUATION TO REPAIR THE HOLE. MR. STOCKTON IS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE ANA AND A MASTER ARTESIAN. AS HE NOTES IN HIS FIRST LETTER THERE WAS NO POROSITY OF THE PATTERN AT ALL.

IN MR. STOCKTON'S NEXT LETTER HE EXPLAINS THE UNFORTUNATE COMPLICATIONS WHICH OCCURRED WHEN HE HEATED THE PLANCHET TO REPAIR THE PATTERN. IN SHORT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. THE SURFACES NOW SHOW HEAT DAMAGE UNDER MAGNIFICATION WHICH CERTAINLY LOOKS SUSPICIOUS FOR AN ELECTROTYPE OR CASTING.

THE "E" AND "A" OF CONSTELLATIO SHOW SOME FILLING IN THIS PATTERN. COMPARING PICTURES OF THE REVERSES OF THE NOVO CONSTELLATIO DIES USED IN BOTH THE COPPER AND SILVER PATTERNS OF THE IMMUNE COLUMBIA SERIES (CROSBY B-3 OBVERSE) SHOWS SEVERAL DIFFERENT DIES WERE USED. THIS CAN BE SEEN WHEN COMPARING THE POSITION OF THE TIP OF THE GLORY RAY WITH THE FIRST "O" IN COSTELLATIO. THE IMMUNE COLUMBIA OBVERSE IS ALWAYS THE SAME. THIS IS WHERE A PEDIGREE IS IMPORTANT.

I STAND CORRECTED ABOUT THE SPECIFIC GRAVITY AS IT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY CONSTANT EXCEPT THAT THE ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA LISTS IT AS 8.95 FOR COPPER WHILE THE WORLD BOOK LISTS IT AS 8.92. THIS PATTERN HAS A SMALL "PLUG" OF LEAD WHICH COULD CAUSE THE SPECIFIC GRAVITY TO BE HIGHER. I'D ALSO VENTURE THAT THE COPPERS OF COLONIAL TIMES CONTAINED SOLUBLE GASSES AS THIS PLANCHET DID ALONG WITH OTHER METALLIC IMPURITIES NOT FOUND IN 20th CENTURY ELECTROLYTIC REFINING.

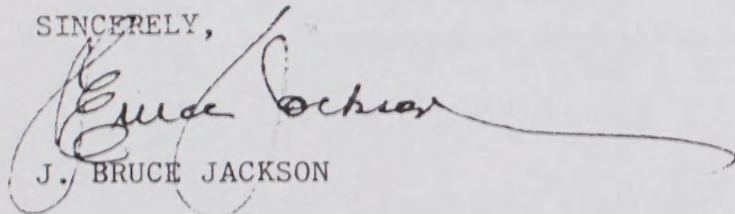
IN REFERENCE TO THE WEIGHTS OF THE IMMUNE COLUMBIA SERIES THESE VARY FROM 7.85 GRAMS (GARRETT SPECIMEN) TO 9.99 GRAMS FOR THE WILLIAM BARTLETT

SPECIMEN. THIRTY PERCENT OF THE COINS ARE POROUS, CORRODED OR
VERDIGRINOUS. PLEASE SEE MY ARTICLE IN THE NUMISMATIST JANUARY 1992.

I SPOKE WITH ERIC P. NEWMAN (NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY) LAST WEEK
AND HE THINKS SOME OF THE IMMUNE COLUMBIA PATTERNS WERE STRUCK OVER
OTHER COLONIAL OR ENGLISH COINAGE WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THE DIFFERENCES IN
QUALITY AND WEIGHTS ESPECIALLY IN THE SILVER PATTERNS. THIS PATTERN
DOES NOT LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE FALSE DIES OF DR. FRANCIS EDWARDS OF
WHICH THERE ARE PICTURES IN CROSBY. I'M GOING TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER
WITH MR. NEWMAN.

IF I CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN YOUR RE-EVALUATION OF THIS PATTERN
PLEASE CALL ME. I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN THIS CHALLENGING SERIES.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Bruce Jackson", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. BRUCE JACKSON

DR. J. BRUCE JACKSON
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APRIL 10, 1996

ERIC P. NEWMAN
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DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE YOU RETURN MY CALL LAST WEEK AND I
ENJOYED YOUR PAPER ON THE NOVA CONSTELLATIO NOMENCLATURE SEQUENCE.

I CALLED ABOUT THE IMMUNE COLUMBIA COPPER WHICH HAD BEEN CALLED A
COPY OR ELECTROTYPE BY THE ANAAB. I DECIDED TO SEND IT BACK TO THE
ANAAB WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PIECE. THIS
SUPERB EXAMPLE WAS UNFORTUNATELY DAMAGED IN REPAIRING A DEFECT.
MOLTEN COPPER WILL ABSORB GASSES AND IN HINDSIGHT I DON'T THINK ANY
OLDER COPPER PLANCHET SHOULD BE HEATED.

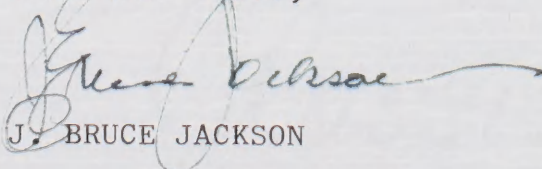
I HAD AN AUCTION WITH BOWERS AND MERENA THIS PAST SEPTEMBER WITH A
FAIR AMOUNT OF COLONIAL MATERIAL INCLUDED. IT'S NICE TO SEE ONE'S NAME
ON THE FRONT OF AN AUCTION CATALOG BUT SOMEWHAT DEPRESSING NOW. IN
RETROSPECT I THINK THE DISPOSITION OF A COLLECTION SHOULD BE DONE AS
CAREFULLY AS BUYING IT.

WHEN SUPERIOR COIN & STAMP WENT BANKRUPT IN AUGUST 1994 THEY HAD NOT
PAID ME FOR SOME RARE PROOF GOLD IN THEIR MAY 1994 AUCTION. I WAS
UPSET WITH THIS AND ALTHOUGH THE GOLDBERGS HAVE ASSURED THE PNG THAT
I WOULD BE PROPERLY COMPENSATED I DOUBT THIS WILL EVER HAPPEN.

ALSO SINCE HAVING CORRESPONDED LAST I HAVE RETIRED FROM THE PRACTICE
OF SURGERY WHICH PRESENTS A MINOR IDENTITY CRISIS.

WHEN I HEAR SOMETHING FROM THE ANAAB ABOUT THE IMMUNE COLUMBIA
COPPER PATTERN I WILL LET YOU KNOW.

SINCERELY YOURS,


J. BRUCE JACKSON

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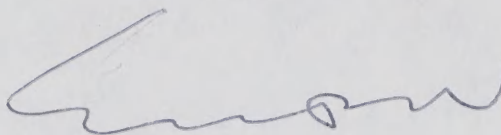
Dr. J. Bruce Jackson
2004 Lexington Ave
Mansfield, OH 44907

April 22, 1996

Dear Dr. Jackson:

In your letter of April 9, 1996 to J.P. Martin you refer to two letters from Paul Stockton. Perhaps you might send me copies of them so that I have more of the background on the Immune Columbia matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

DR. J. BRUCE JACKSON
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MAY 3, 1996

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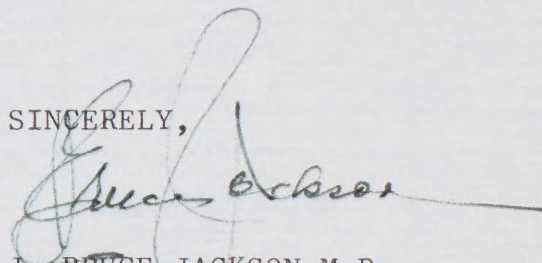
DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TODAY AND AM SENDING YOU COPIES OF THE
LETTERS RECEIVED FROM PAUL STOCKTON. THIS WAS A WELL STRUCK
PLANCHET BEFORE THE REPAIR.

ACTUALLY THE PATTERN LOOKS PERFECT TO THE NAKED EYE AND ONLY
WITH A 3 or 4 POWER LOUPE DOES THE POROSITY SHOW UP.

IF THE ANA AUTHENTICATION BUREAU RUNS TRUE TO FORM IT WILL
PROBABLY BE ANOTHER MONTH BEFORE I HEAR FROM THEM. I WILL INFORM
YOU OF THEIR OPINION.

SINCERELY,



J. BRUCE JACKSON M.D.

P. E. Stockton
115 Quail Run
Somerset, Ky. 42501

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Dear Dr. Jackson:

9/30/88

Thank you for sending the rare copper piece for repair estimate. You are correct in believing that there is no porosity. As far as I can determine there will none show after heating the coin.

Hole is in a good place having done no damage to detail. Worst part is that just to the right of the hole on the reverse: there is a battered place that will have to be filled with additional metal and worked out. The flattened or battered area has done some damage to the side of the A in Nova.

I will give this little lady my TLC for \$100.00.

If you wish to have me do the coin just remit in GREEN CASH and allow about 8 weeks for me to get to your coin after I hear from you.

I await your response.

Collectively yours,

P. E. Stockton
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Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your Colonial piece. If you were doing a heart transplant and the replacement suddenly slipped out of your hand and fell to the floor.....you have an idea how I felt when I applied the heat to solder the plug in place and suddenly the whole coin bubbled with hundreds of small bubbles and blisters.

Almost unheard of on a copper piece. Only a couple of times in my 30 years of experience. Well, I spent hours burnishing these bubbles back down. And I would have added another thin sheet of metal to the flattened place on reverse had this not happened. This would have made it a nice job. The obverse looks real nice. Another application of heat would have completely destroyed the coin. I feel quite fortunate to have come out as well as I did.

Explanation ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ as to why this happened: Impurities trapped within the metal form pockets of occluded gas which expand under heat and cause the elevations. (Operation was a failure but the patient lived!)

I really feel bad that I did not fulfill your expectations but I did the best I could under the circumstances.

Hope to hear from you again.

Refunded \$25.00

Collectively yours,

P. E. Stockton
P. E. Stockton
Numismath

2600
2420

VERY RARE COPPER IMMUNE COLUMBIA



(Enlarged)



(Enlarged)

Lot No. 1004

1004

1785 Immune Columbia. Pointed rays. Nova Constellatio. Copper. 130.1 grains. Crosby plate VII, No.31. Without extra star in the border. Obverse 3 of the 1785 Nova Constellatio series, married to the IMMUNE COLUMBIA die. **Plain edge.** This coin was neatly holed adjacent to the cap and just missed the A in NOVA on the reverse and filled partially with copper wire. Lovely iridescent chocolate. **Extremely Fine. (SEE COLOR PLATE)**

Ex Stack's February 26, 1955 sale, lot 365.

VERY RARE GEORGE III IMMUNE COLUMBIA

1700



Lot No. 1005

- 1005 1785 Georgius III Rex. Immune Columbia.** Crosby plate VII, No.32. 122.0 grains. **Very rare.** Struck at Machin's Mill, muling an imitation halfpenny die with the Immune Columbia. An excellent example with considerable detail and a **full date.** Some light circulation marks. An even, natural chocolate. **Fine.**

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